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CURRICULUM VITAE

Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications Department
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist – Youth Development
Associate Department Head, Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Deputy Coordinator, Title IX

DATE APPOINTED: February 1, 2018; 85% Extension, 15% Teaching

PROGRAM UNIT: Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Education

2004 Ed.D. Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University; Agricultural Education

1991 M.Ag. Texas A&M University; Horticulture

1985 B.S. Texas A&M University; Agricultural Education

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, 85%

- *Positive Youth Development to include staff and volunteer training.*
- *Programs for minors, risk management associated with youth educational programs.*
- *4-H Global Citizenship project to include GLOBE, International Exchange, 4-H Global Citizenship Study Abroad.*
- *4-H youth development program research; immediate experience and outcomes.*

TEACHING ACTIVITIES, 15%

- *ALEC 674, FALL 2023*
- *ALEC 610, SPRING 2023*
- *RPTS 478, FALL 2018 – SPRING 2022*

Peer-reviewed Workshops or Presentations at International Conferences (n=8)

Freeman, P., **Locke, D.**, Ellis, G. (2023). Become an Experience Engineer: Staff Training Curriculum for Structuring Engaging, Immersive, and Absorbing Experiences. World Leisure Organization, Duniden, NZ.

Locke, D. (2023). Training volunteers to provide engaging, immersive, and absorbing experiences. 2023 4-H Global Summit, Arusha, Tanzania.

Locke, D. (2023). Incorporating the Essential Elements into 4-H Club Programs. 2023 4-H Global Summit, Arusha, Tanzania.

Locke, D. (2021) Innovative Evaluation Assessment Using a LMS Scale, States 4-H International Exchange, State Coordinators Conference, virtual due to COVID-19.

Locke, D. (2021) Virtual Exchange Experiences During a Pandemic. States 4-H International Exchange, State Coordinators Conference, virtual due to COVID-19.

Locke, D. (2020). Programming using Essential Elements. Accepted for 4-H Global Summit, August 9-15 in Tanzania; program postponed due to COVID-19.

Locke, D., Nobel, R., Hughes, E. (2020). Unpacking Your Suitcase. States 4-H International Exchange State Coordinators Conference, virtual due to COVID-19.

Locke, D. (2019). Cultural Exploration through GLOBE. States 4-H International Exchange, Portland, OR.

Peer-reviewed Workshops or Presentations at Regional or National Conferences (n=25)

Taggart, A., Ellis, G., & **Locke, D.** (2023). Training for your volunteers to create engaging, immersive and absorbing experiences National Extension Conference on Volunteerism annual conference, Lexington, KY.

Drabek, A., Lu, P., Li, X., Bolick, B., **Locke, D.,** Gardner, J., Briers, G., & Wang, J. (2023). American Association for Agricultural Education annual conference, Raleigh, NC.

Ellis, G., **Locke, D.,** Skrocki, A., & Janes, K. (2023). Igniting youth sparks through travel camp experiences: A field experiment. Society for Research on Adolescence annual conference, San Diego, CA.

Taggart, A., **Locke, D.,** Skrocki, A., & Ellis, G. (2023) Training camp counselors to provide engaging, immersive, and absorbing experiences. PYD Academy, virtual.

Locke, D., Skrocki, A., & Taggart, A. Helping youth thrive through engaging, immersive, and absorbing experiences. (2022). National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4HYDP) National Conference, Madison, WI.

Janes, K., Ellis, G., Jiang, J., & **Locke, D.** (2022). Peak, End, and all other Moments: Characterizing the Experience Journeys of Campers During Structured Camp Activities. American Camp Association Research Conference, Orlando, FL.

Freeman, P., **Locke, D.,** Ellis, G., & Janes, K. (2022). Training experiences providers to design engaging, immersive, and absorbing experiences. 7 Experiences Summit, Provo, UT.

Locke, D. (2022). Something Other Than a Likert Scale. Extension Leadership Conference, Joint Council of Extension Professionals, Kansas City, MO.

Locke, D., Skrocki, A. (2022). Taking a Deeper Dive with Evaluations. National Extension Conference on Volunteerism, Tulsa, OK.

Locke, D., Bragg, H. (2022). Thriving in the Southern Region. Biennial Conference of Southern Region 4-H Specialists, Jekyll Island, GA.

Locke, D., Ellis, G. (2022). Innovative Measures of Experience Quality. Biennial Conference of Southern Region 4-H Specialists, Jekyll Island, GA.

Ellis, G., Jiang, J., **Locke, B.,** & Snider, C. (2021). Real-Time Youth Program Experiences: How They May Lead to Expansion of the Self. The Academy of Leisure Sciences, virtual due to COVID-19.

Locke, D. (2020). Using Quality Improvement Processes to Evaluate 4-H Programs. National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4HYDP) National Conference. Virtual due to COVID-19.

Ellis, G., Jiang, J., **Locke, D.,** Co, L., Woosley, J., & Snider, C. (2020, February 11-14). Building intentions of camp program staff through needs-based reflection experiences. Panel Presentation, American Camp Association's 2020 Camp Research Forum, San Diego, CA, United States.

Locke, D. (2019). Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education. NAE4HYDP Global Citizenship Luncheon, White Sulphur Springs, WV.

Locke, D. (2019). Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education. NAE4HYDP Webinar.

APPLIED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Peer-Reviewed publications (n=12)

Wang, J., Drabek, A. G., Li, X., **Locke, D. H.,** & Gardner, J. G. (2023). Assessing Foods and Nutrition Competencies in Youth. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 55(5), 354-362.

Skrocki, A., **Locke, D.,** Ellis, G., Williams, M., Jiang, J. (2022). Academic Performance of Texas 4-H Alumni. *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*.

Jiang, J., Ellis, G., **Locke, D.,** Freeman, P. (2022). Experience Journey Map: A New Experience Design Tool for Structuring Youth Activities. *Journal of Youth Development* (17)1, 158-174.

Ellis, G., **Locke, D.,** Jorgensen, Jiang, J. (2022). Enriching Youth Program Experiences through Preflection and Reflection. *Journal of Youth Development* (17)1, 83-101.

Ellis, G., Jorgensen, K., Jiang, J., & **Locke, D.** (2021). Evaluating Participant Experience Journeys: Peak-End Moments, Global Summaries, Dispersion, and Pattern. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*.

Ellis, G., **Locke, D.,** Janes, K., Skrocki, A., Freeman, P., & Jiang, J. (under review). An Efficient and Precise Measure of Subjective Quality of Structured Camp experience. *Journal of Youth Development*.

Ellis, G., Locke, D., Skrocki, A., Ettekal, A., & Jiang, J. (n.d.) 4-H Program Quality, Dosage, and Sparks: A Test of a Causal Model. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Ellis, G., Jiang, J., **Locke, D.**, Snider, C. (2021). Youth program activity impacts: A model of camp activities, psychological needs, and immersion. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 1-10.

Ellis, G., Lacanienta, A., Zanolini, B., **Locke, D.**, Jiang, J. (2020). Mindful Learning Experiences Through Structured Reflections During a Youth Travel Abroad Program. *Journal of Youth Development* (15)1, 172-185.

Locke, D., Ellis, G, Williams, M. (2019, February 19-22). Transformational Education Through Poverty Simulations: Camp activities for team building and empathy development. In A. Gillard (Chair), *ACA Camp Research Forum Book of Abstracts* [Symposium]. American Camp Association’s 2019 Camp Research Forum, Nashville, TN, United States.

Laciente, A., Ellis, G., Zanolini, B., **Locke, D.**, Goebel, D. (2019, February 19-22). Absorption and Mindful Learning Through A Daily Reflection Activity During Travel Camps. In A. Gillard (Chair), *ACA Camp Research Forum Book of Abstracts* [Symposium]. American Camp Association’s 2019 Camp Research Forum, Nashville, TN, United States.

AGRILIFE EXTENSION GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING

Summary Chart, 2004 to current

Funding Type	Award Amount	Amount Contributable to Candidate	PI	Non-PI
Competitive Grants	\$2,193,932	\$1,170,933	\$613,455	\$557,478
Gifts, User Fees	\$1,052,425	\$1,038,175	\$1,003,625	\$34,550
Total	\$3,246,357	\$2,209,108	\$1,617,080	\$592,028

Competitive Grants (n=16)

Dates of the Award	Funding Agency or Organization	Role	Award Amount	Amount Contributable to Candidate	Status
2022-2023	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department – Creating Advocates for Nature	PI	\$59,909	\$29,955	In Progress
2020-2022	Public Policy Research Institute – Texas Youth Action Network	PI	\$10,000	\$10,000	In Progress
2020-2022	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Extension Assistantship	PI	\$52,000	\$52,000	In Progress
2020-2021	Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – Neuhaus-Shepardson Grant	PI	\$3,000	\$3,000	Completed
2018 -2021	Texas Department of State Health Services – Youth Professional Training Series	Co-Inv	\$1,450,523	\$457,478	Completed

Other Funding (Gifts, User Fees)

Dates of the Award	Funding Agency or Organization	Role	Award Amount	Amount Contributable to Candidate	Status
2022 – 2023	Sequor Foundation YDI	Co-PI	\$73,500	\$36,750	In Progress
2016 – 2023	GLOBE Tier I – User Fees	PI	\$27,900	\$27,900	Completed
2017 – 2023	GLOBE Tier II – User Fees	PI	\$129,800	\$129,800	Completed
2018 – 2013	States 4-H International Exchange	PI	\$75,000	\$75,000	Completed
2020 – 2022	HEB – GLOBE sponsorship	PI	\$25,000	\$25,000	In Progress
2019 – 2020	Texas 4-H Program Support – GLOBE	PI	\$14,000	\$14,000	Completed
2018 – 2022	TAMU RPTS – Outreach Support	PI	\$30,000	\$30,000	In Progress
2018-2021	Sequor Foundation YDI	Co-PI	\$20,300	\$20,300	Completed